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SUBJECT: MORE ROMANIAN-HUNGARIAN HISTORICAL POLEMICS OVER
TRANSYLVANIA

1. AGERPRES RECENTLY DIFFUSED A ROMANIAN HISTORIAN'S
POLEMIC AGAINST AN OFFICIAL HUNGARIAN VIEW OF TRANSYLVANIAN HISTORY,
RAISING THE TEMPERATURE SOMEWHAT OF SCHOLARLY BILATERAL
BICKERING AND SKIRTING THE EXTREMELY TOUCHY ISSUE
OF TO WHOM TRANSYLVANIA RIGHTLY BELONGS.

2. SUPPLEMENTING THE ROMANIAN MULTI-LANGUAGE PROPAGANDA
BULLETIN FOR FOREIGN CONSUMPTION "ROMANIA" (AGERPRES, OCTOBER 31,
1975), A 13-PAGE ARTICLE BY EMINENT ROMANIAN HISTORIAN CONSTANTIN
C. GIURESCU (REPRINTED FROM "REVISTA DE ISTORIA" NO. 6, 1975)
ATTACKS A 546-PAGE "HISTORY OF HUNGARY", INSTITUTE OF HISTORY,
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HUNGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH (LONDON),

FRENCH (ROANNE) AND HUNGARIAN (BUDAPEST) IN 1975. GIURESCU ACCUSES HUNGARIAN AUTHORS (SUPERVISED BY ERWIN PAMLENYI) OF REPEATING "ERRORS AND PRECONCEIVED IDEAS OF THE OLD HISTORIOGRAPHY UP TO 1944" AND MAKING "DELIBERATE AND MISLEADING OMISSIONS" ON TRANSYLVANIAN ORIGINS. GIURESCU REPEATS STANDARD ROMANIAN THESIS THAT ROMANIANS GOT TO TRANSYLVANIA FIRST, BEFORE HUNGARIANS, AND HAVE BEEN THERE CONTINUOUSLY SINCE; HE ADDUCES USUAL HISTORICAL EVIDENCE AND SOURCES.

3. COMMENT: GOR'S MOVE TO GIVE GIURESCU'S ARTICLE FOREIGN PLAY TO COUNTERACT HUNGARIAN BOOK SEEMS TO ESCALATE PUBLIC NOTICE TO OCCASIONALLY SIMMERING IRRITATION IN ROMANIAN SCHOLARLY AND CULTURAL PRESS OVER HUNGARIAN HINTS THAT TRANSYLVANIA OUGHT TO BE HUNGARIAN, AND HAS DRAWN ATTENTION OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS HERE, PARTICULARLY YUGOSLAVS. IT IS INTERESTING THAT GIURESCU USES THE VERY ARGUMENT AGAINST HUNGARIANS -- THEIR ALLEGED ADHERENCE TO PRE-1944 (BOURGEOIS) HISTORIOGRAPHY -- THAT SOVIETS HAVE MADE AGAINST ROMANIAN HISTORIANS REGARDING BESSARABIA (BUCHAREST A-161, SEPTEMBER 15). WE WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER EVIDENCE GLEANED BY ADDRESSEES ON EXTENT TO WHICH ROMANIAN-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS ARE CURRENTLY AGAIN BEDEVILED BY FEATHER-WEIGHT COUNTERPUNCHING OVER TRANSYLVANIA.
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